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Eguene Dominach, OSC
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Re: Tidewater Baling, Polrep #1

Dear Mr. Dominach:

This letter is to correct what I think are errors in the subject polrep.

The unlined pits mentioned in paragraph 1C were not installed in response to an NJDEP Directive. These pits have reportedly been in place since the early 1980's. The owners of TBC told me they were installed at the request of the City.

To my knowledge, there have been no buried drums found on the property of Ironbound Recreation Center. The area referred to in paragraph 1E has soil and groundwater contamination from phenol and phenol compounds. This contamination has been linked to the operations of the Celanese Corporation in the 1950's.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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Spill Supervisor

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